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PATENT APPLICATION  
U.S. Serial No. 08/716,223  
Attorney Docket No. 702-961170

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit 1761 :

In re application of :

G. A. Van SCHOUWENBURG :

Serial No. 08/716,223 :

Filed November 22, 1996 :

Examiner - C. Sherrer :

**METHOD FOR PREPARING A  
COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM  
SMALLER PIECES OF MEAT, AND  
THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT  
OBTAINED**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
April 14, 2003

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated February 12, 2003, Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the previous version of claim 1 and rewrite claim 1 as follows.

(Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the following is a clean copy of the amended claim. A marked-up version of this claim is attached hereto on a separate sheet.)

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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Examiner: C. Sherrer Group Art Unit: 1761  
Invention: "METHOD FOR PREPARING A COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT FROM SMALLER  
PIECES OF MEAT, AND THE COHERENT PIECE OF MEAT OBTAINED"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
☐ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	No of Claims After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate	Non-Small Entity Rate	Charge
Total	<u>13</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>0</u>	x \$ 9.00	x \$ 18.00	\$ <u>0</u>
Indep.	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	x \$ 42.00	x \$ 84.00	\$ <u>0</u>
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim/s				+ \$140.00	+ \$280.00	\$ <u>0</u>
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE						\$ <u>0</u>

- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed to cover the 1-month Petition for Extension of Time  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this Transmittal are enclosed.  
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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